

BUCHANAN COUNTY
Independence, Iowa

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORTS
BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
June 30, 2008**

BUCHANAN COUNTY
Independence, Iowa

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BUCHANAN COUNTY
Independence, Iowa

OFFICIALS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Mike Ferreter	Board of Supervisors	January 2011
Ellen Gaffney	Board of Supervisors	January 2009
Ralph Kremer	Board of Supervisors	January 2011
Cindy Witt	County Auditor	January 2009
Judy Harland	County Treasurer	January 2011
Diane Curry	County Recorder	January 2011
Bill Wolfgram	County Sheriff	January 2009
Allan Vander Hart	County Attorney	January 2011
Brad Harms	County Assessor	Appointed



Gardiner Thomsen
Certified Public Accountants

Independent Auditors' Report

To the Officials of Buchanan County
Independence, Iowa

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Buchanan County, Iowa, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of Buchanan County's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Buchanan County at June 30, 2008, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows where applicable, for the year then ended in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 24, 2009 on our consideration of Buchanan County's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

Management's Discussion and Analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 4 - 9 and 34 - 36 are not required parts of the basic financial statements, but are supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. We did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Buchanan County's basic financial statements. We previously audited, in accordance with the standards referred to in the second paragraph of this report, the financial statements for the five years ended June 30, 2007 (which are not presented herein) and expressed unqualified opinions on the financial statements. The supplementary information included in Schedules 1 through 5, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

March 24, 2009

Gardiner Thomsen, P.C.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Buchanan County provides this Management's Discussion and Analysis of its financial statements. This narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities is for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008. We encourage readers to consider this information in conjunction with the County's financial statements, which follow.

2008 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Revenues of the County's governmental activities decreased 1%, or approximately \$105,760, from fiscal 2007 to fiscal 2008. Property tax increased approximately \$111,942, operating grants increased by \$52,625, and capital grants and contributions decreased approximately \$937,712.
- Program expenses were 2% or approximately \$281,356, more in fiscal 2008 than in fiscal 2007. Roads and transportation expense decreased approximately \$48,634.
- The County's net assets increased 9% or approximately \$2,194,169, from June 30, 2007 to June 30, 2008.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

The annual report consists of a series of financial statements and other information, as follows:

Management's Discussion and Analysis introduces the basic financial statements and provides an analytical overview of the County's financial activities.

The Government-wide Financial Statements consist of a Statement of Net Assets and a Statement of Activities. These provide information about the activities of Buchanan County as a whole and present an overall view of the County's finances.

The Fund Financial Statements tell how governmental services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending. Fund financial statements report operations in more detail than the government-wide statements by providing information about the most significant funds. The remaining statements provide financial information about activities for which Buchanan County acts solely as an agent or custodian for the benefit of those outside of County government (Agency Funds).

Notes to financial statements provide additional information essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the basic financial statements.

Required Supplementary Information further explains and supports the financial statements with a comparison of the County's budget for the year.

Other Supplementary Information provides detailed information about the nonmajor funds and the individual Agency Funds.

REPORTING THE COUNTY'S FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Government-wide Financial Statements

One of the most important questions asked about the County's finances is, "Is the County as a whole better off or worse off as a result of the year's activities?" The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities report information helps answer this question. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting and the economic resources measurement focus, which is similar to the accounting used by most private sector companies. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account, regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The Statement of Net Assets presents all of the County's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as "net assets". Over time, increases or decreases in the County's net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the County is improving or deteriorating.

The Statement of Activities presents information showing how the County's net assets changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net assets are reported as soon as the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will not result in cash flows until future fiscal periods.

The County's governmental activities are presented in the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities. Governmental activities include public safety and legal services, physical health and social services, mental health, county environment and education, roads and transportation, governmental services to residents, administration, interest on long-term debt and non-program activities. Property tax and state and federal grants finance most of these activities.

Fund Financial Statements

The County has three kinds of funds:

- 1) Governmental funds account for most of the County's basic services. These focus on how money flows into and out of those funds, and the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. The governmental funds include: 1) the General Fund, 2) the Special Revenue Funds, such as Mental Health, Rural Services and Secondary Roads, and 3) the Debt Service Fund. These funds are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund financial statements provide a detailed short-term view of the County's general governmental operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the County's programs.

The required financial statements for governmental funds include a balance sheet and a statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances.

- 2) Proprietary funds account for the County's Internal Service Fund, Employee Group Health Insurance Account. Internal Service Funds are an accounting device used to accumulate and allocate costs internally among the County's various functions.

The required financial statements for proprietary funds include a statement of net assets, a statement of revenues, expenses and changes in fund net assets and a statement of cash flows.

- 3) Fiduciary funds are used to report assets held in a trust or agency capacity for others which cannot be used to support the County's own programs. These fiduciary funds include Agency Funds that account for E911 and emergency management services and the County Assessor, to name a few.

REPORTING THE COUNTY'S FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

The required financial statements for fiduciary funds include a statement of fiduciary assets and liabilities. Reconciliations between the government-wide financial statements and the fund financial statements follow the fund financial statements.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

As noted earlier, net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of financial position. Buchanan County's combined net assets were increased from a year ago, increasing from \$24.8 million to \$27 million. The analysis that follows focuses on the changes in the net assets for governmental activities.

Net Assets of Governmental Activities (Expressed in Thousands)		
	2008	2007
Current and Other Assets	\$13,140	\$11,783
Capital Assets (Net of Depreciation)	22,106	21,411
Total Assets	35,246	33,194
Long-Term Debt Outstanding	403	488
Other Liabilities	7,843	7,901
Total Liabilities	8,246	8,389
Net Assets:		
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	21,963	21,202
Restricted	3,251	2,268
Unrestricted	1,786	1,335
Total Net Assets	\$27,000	\$24,805

Net assets of Buchanan County's governmental activities increased 9% (\$24.8 million compared to \$27 million). The largest portion of the County's net assets is the invested in capital assets (e.g. land, infrastructure, buildings and equipment), less the related debt. Restricted net assets represent resources that are subject to external restrictions, constitutional provisions or enabling legislation on how they can be used. Unrestricted net assets—the part of net assets that can be used to finance day-to-day operations without constraints established by debt covenants, enabling legislation or other legal requirements—increased from approximately \$1,335,149 at June 30, 2007 to \$1,786,224 at the end of this year, a substantial increase.

This increase of approximately \$2,194,169 in unrestricted net assets was a result of decreased expenditures in some areas, also due to an increase in charges for services. The County increased its investment in roadway equipment and road construction by approximately \$407,706 over the prior year.

Changes in Net Assets of Governmental Activities (Expressed in Thousands)		
	Year ended June 30, 2008	Year ended June 30, 2007
Revenues:		
Program Revenues:		
Charges for Service	\$2,381	\$1,348
Operating Grants, Contributions and Restricted Interest	4,494	4,441
Capital Grants, Contributions and Restricted Interest	713	1,650
General Revenues:		
Property Tax	6,210	6,098
Penalty and Interest on Property Tax	62	61
State Tax Credits	312	329
Local Option Sales Tax	788	880
Unrestricted Investment Earning	213	243
Other General Revenues	137	65
Total Revenues	15,310	15,115
Program Expenses:		
Public Safety and Legal Services	2,013	1,932
Physical Health and Social Services	276	283
Mental Health	2,857	2,822
County Environment and Education	896	787
Roads and Transportation	4,451	4,499
Governmental Services to Residents	435	383
Administration	2,106	2,082
Non-Program	71	34
Interest on Long-term Debt	10	12
Total Expenses	13,115	12,834
Increase in Net Assets	2,195	2,281
Net Assets Beginning of Year (restated)	24,805	22,524
Net Assets End of Year	\$27,000	\$24,805

The results of governmental activities for the year resulted in Buchanan County's net assets increasing by approximately \$2,194,169. Revenues for governmental activities increased by approximately \$1 million from the prior year, with property tax revenue up from the prior year by approximately \$111,942.

The County increased property tax rates for 2008 by an average of .5%. This increase raised the County's property tax revenue by approximately \$92,768 in 2008.

The cost of all governmental activities this year was \$13.1 million compared to \$12.8 million last year. However, as shown in the Statement of Activities the amount taxpayers ultimately financed for these activities was only \$5.5 million because some of the cost was paid by those directly benefiting from the programs (\$2.38 million) or by other governments and organizations that subsidized certain programs with grants and contributions (\$5.2 million). Overall, the County's governmental program revenues, including intergovernmental aid and fees for services, increased in 2008 from approximately \$7.4 million to \$7.6 million. The County paid for the remaining "public benefit" portion of governmental activities with approximately \$6.2 million in taxes (some of which could only be used for certain programs) and with other revenues, such as interest and general entitlements.

INDIVIDUAL MAJOR FUND ANALYSIS

As Buchanan County completed the year, its governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$4.95 million, an increase of \$947,116 above last year's total of \$3.99 million. The following are the major reasons for the changes in fund balances of the major funds from the prior year:

- General Fund revenues and expenditures increased when compared to the prior year. The ending fund balance showed an increase of \$177,943 from the prior year to \$1,910,865.
- The County has continued to look for ways to effectively manage the cost of mental health services. For the year, expenditures totaled approximately \$2.87 million. The Mental Health Fund balance at year end increased by approximately \$431,383 from the prior year.
- The Rural Services Fund revenues and expenditures decreased and increased respectively, slightly over the prior year. The ending fund balance showed a decrease of \$238,980 from the prior year to \$341,906.
- Secondary Roads Fund expenditures decreased by approximately \$51,198 over the prior year. The Secondary Roads Fund ending balance increased approximately by \$609,730.

BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

During the year, Buchanan County amended its budget one time. The amendment was made in March 2008. This amendment was made for net increases in revenues and in operational expenditures.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

At June 30, 2008, Buchanan County had approximately \$31.2 million invested in a broad range of capital assets, including public safety equipment, buildings, park facilities, roads and bridges. This is a net increase (including additions and deletions) of approximately \$1,468,551 or 5% over last year.

Capital Assets of Governmental Activities at Year End (Expressed in Thousands)		
	June 30, 2008	June 30, 2007
Land	\$1,820	\$1,398
Buildings and Improvements	3,413	3,388
Equipment and Vehicles	6,984	6,799
Infrastructure	18,605	18,197
Construction in Process	428	0
Total	\$31,250	\$29,782
This year's major additions include (expressed in thousands)		
Capital Assets Contributed by the IA Department of Transportation	\$407,706	
Contribution to Conservation	88,350	
Replacement Secondary Road Equipment	356,706	
County Sheriff/Vehicles	66,494	
Total	\$919,256	

The County had depreciation expense of \$1,080,981 in fiscal year 2008 and total accumulated depreciation of \$9.1 million at June 30, 2008.

The County's fiscal year 2008 capital budget included \$836,000 for capital projects, principally for the upgrading of secondary roads and bridges. More detailed information about the County's capital assets is presented in Note 4 to the financial statements.

Long-Term Debt

At June 30, 2008 Buchanan County has approximately \$402,547 in general obligation notes and other debt outstanding compared to approximately \$488,302 at June 30, 2007, as shown below.

Outstanding Debt at Year-End of Governmental Activities (Expressed in Thousands)		
	2008	2007
General Obligation Notes	\$208	\$303
Drainage Warrants	15	0
Compensated Absences	179	185
Total	\$402	\$488

Debt decreased as a result of payments made as required by lenders.

The Constitution of the State of Iowa limits the amount of general obligation debt counties can issue to 5 percent of the assessed value of all taxable property within the County's corporate limits. Buchanan County's outstanding general obligation debt is significantly below its constitutional debt limit of \$56.3 million. Other obligations include accrued vacation pay and sick leave. Additional information about the County's long-term debt is presented in Note 6 to the financial statements.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

Buchanan County's elected and appointed officials and citizens considered many factors when setting the fiscal year 2009 budget, tax rates, and the fees that will be charged for various County services. One of those factors is the economy. Unemployment in the County now stands at 3.2% versus 5.5% a year ago. This compares with the State's unemployment rate of 4.0% and the national rate of 5.7%.

These indicators were taken into account when adopting the budget for fiscal year 2009. With the decrease in rural valuation, due to the rollback, rural levies increased slightly. Increased cost due to, rural road projects, general election expense and the construction of the Jail and Law Enforcement Center represent the largest increases.

CONTACTING THE COUNTY'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, and creditors with a general overview of Buchanan County's finances and to show the County's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Buchanan County Auditor's Office, 210 – 5th Avenue NE, City of Independence, Iowa.

BUCHANAN COUNTY
Independence, Iowa

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
June 30, 2008

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Cash & Pooled Investments	\$5,438,867
Receivables:	
Property Tax:	
Delinquent	11,264
Succeeding Year	6,677,121
Interest & Penalty On Property Tax	201
Accounts	16,652
Accrued Interest	11,897
Drainage Assessments	3,091
Due From Other Governments	629,888
Inventories	285,815
Prepaid Insurance	65,160
Capital Assets (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)	22,105,802
TOTAL ASSETS	35,245,758
LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	526,440
Accrued Interest Payable	866
Salaries & Benefits Payable	168,323
Due To Other Governments	471,102
Deferred Revenue:	
Succeeding Year Property Tax	6,677,121
Long-Term Liabilities:	
Portion Due Or Payable Within One Year:	
General Obligation Notes	99,335
Compensated Absences	178,966
Portion Due Or Payable After One Year:	
General Obligation Notes	108,669
Drainage Warrants Payable	15,577
TOTAL LIABILITIES	8,246,399
NET ASSETS	
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	21,963,603
Restricted For:	
Mental Health Purposes	368,287
Secondary Roads Purposes	1,819,872
Debt Service	15,959
Internal Service Funds	271,786
Other Purposes	773,628
Unrestricted	1,786,224
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$26,999,359

See Notes To Financial Statements

BUCHANAN COUNTY
Independence, Iowa

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
Year Ended June 30, 2008

	Program Revenues				
	Expenses	Charges for Service	Operating Grants, Contributions, & Restricted Interest	Capital Grants, Contributions, & Restricted Interest	Net (Expense) Revenue & Changes In Net Assets
FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS:					
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES:					
Public Safety and Legal Services	\$2,012,727	\$389,299	\$71,447	\$0	\$(1,551,981)
Physical Health and Social Services	275,930	8,850	158,081	0	(108,999)
Mental Health	2,857,243	1,075,707	915,455	0	(866,081)
County Environment and Education	896,321	30,963	220,986	275,330	(369,042)
Roads and Transportation	4,450,771	94,135	3,126,070	437,289	(793,277)
Governmental Services to Residents	435,400	345,369	1,872	0	(88,159)
Administration	2,106,411	0	0	0	(2,106,411)
Non-program	70,592	437,153	0	0	366,561
Interest on Long-Term Debt	9,529	0	0	0	(9,529)
TOTAL	\$13,114,924	\$2,381,476	\$4,493,911	\$712,619	(5,526,918)
GENERAL REVENUES:					
Property and Other County Tax Levied For:					
General Purposes					6,119,241
Debt Service					90,800
Penalty and Interest on Property Tax					62,457
State Tax Credits					311,881
Local Option Sales Tax					788,190
Unrestricted Investment Earnings					213,654
Miscellaneous					167,483
Loss on Disposal of Capital Assets					(32,619)
TOTAL GENERAL REVENUES					7,721,087
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS					2,194,169
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR (as restated Note 14)					24,805,190
NET ASSETS END OF YEAR					\$26,999,359

See Notes To Financial Statements

BUCHANAN COUNTY
Independence, Iowa

BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
June 30, 2008

	General	Special Revenue Mental Health
ASSETS		
Cash and Pooled Investments:		
County Treasurer	\$1,944,992	\$902,325
Receivables:		
Property Tax:		
Delinquent	6,192	2,107
Succeeding Year	3,606,190	1,227,302
Interest and Penalty on Property Taxes	201	0
Accounts	6,124	3,315
Accrued Interest	9,917	0
Assessments	0	0
Due From Other Governments	46,784	47,082
Prepaid Insurance	44,118	0
Inventories	0	0
TOTAL ASSETS	\$5,664,518	\$2,182,131

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	\$68,800	\$112,342
Salaries and Benefits Payable	46,806	10,837
Accrued Interest	0	0
Due To Other Governments	9,624	461,478
Deferred Revenue:		
Succeeding Year Property Tax	3,606,190	1,227,302
Other	22,233	27,019
Total Liabilities	3,753,653	1,838,978
Fund Balances:		
Reserved For:		
Inventories	0	0
Debt Service	0	0
Unreserved, reported in:		
General	1,910,865	0
Special Revenue	0	343,153
Total Fund Balances	1,910,865	343,153
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES	\$5,664,518	\$2,182,131

See Notes To Financial Statements

Special Revenue Funds			
Rural Services	Secondary Roads	Nonmajor	Total
\$307,996	\$1,624,485	\$250,873	\$5,030,671
2,186	0	779	11,264
1,419,206	0	424,423	6,677,121
0	0	0	201
120	2,823	4,270	16,652
0	0	1,980	11,897
0	0	3,091	3,091
74,650	267,588	193,784	629,888
878	20,164	0	65,160
0	285,815	0	285,815
<u>\$1,805,036</u>	<u>\$2,200,875</u>	<u>\$879,200</u>	<u>\$12,731,760</u>
\$14,332	\$191,417	\$3,139	\$390,030
27,423	83,257	0	168,323
0	0	326	326
0	0	0	471,102
1,419,206	0	424,423	6,677,121
2,169	19,550	3,797	74,768
<u>1,463,130</u>	<u>294,224</u>	<u>431,685</u>	<u>7,781,670</u>
0	285,815	0	285,815
0	0	15,793	15,793
0	0	0	1,910,865
341,906	1,620,836	431,722	2,737,617
<u>341,906</u>	<u>1,906,651</u>	<u>447,515</u>	<u>4,950,090</u>
<u>\$1,805,036</u>	<u>\$2,200,875</u>	<u>\$879,200</u>	<u>\$12,731,760</u>

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RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
June 30, 2008

Total Governmental Fund Balances (Pages 12-13) \$4,950,090

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Assets are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds. The cost of the assets is \$31,250,591 and the accumulated depreciation is \$9,144,789. 22,105,802

Other long-term assets are not available to pay current expenditures and, therefore, are deferred in the funds. 75,094

The Internal Service Fund is used by management to charge the costs of self funding of the County's health insurance benefit plan to individual funds. The assets and liabilities of the Internal Service Fund are included in governmental activities in the Statement of Net Assets. 271,786

Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, compensated absences payable, and accrued interest payable are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds. (403,413)

Net Assets of Governmental Activities (Page 10) \$26,999,359

See Notes To Financial Statements.

BUCHANAN COUNTY
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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
Year Ended June 30, 2008

	General	Special Revenue Mental Health
REVENUES:		
Property and Other County Tax	\$3,555,429	\$1,230,845
Interest and Penalty on Property Tax	62,457	0
Intergovernmental	632,560	2,039,106
Licenses and Permits	425	0
Charges for Services	416,498	259
Use of Money and Property	321,746	0
Miscellaneous	75,354	35,632
Total Revenues	5,064,469	3,305,842
EXPENDITURES:		
Operating:		
Public Safety and Legal Services	1,804,182	0
Physical Health and Social Services	246,248	0
Mental Health	0	2,874,459
County Environment and Education	449,050	0
Roads and Transportation	0	0
Governmental Services to Residents	459,021	0
Administration	1,896,146	0
Non-program	51,598	0
Debt Service	9,335	0
Capital Projects	20,000	0
Total Expenditures	4,935,580	2,874,459
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	128,889	431,383
Other Financing Sources (Uses):		
Sale of Capital Assets	0	0
Operating Transfers In	150,000	0
Operating Transfers Out	(100,946)	0
Drainage Warrants/Improvement Certificates	0	0
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	49,054	0
Net Change in Fund Balances	177,943	431,383
Fund Balances – Beginning of Year	1,732,922	(88,230)
Increase in Reserve For Inventories	0	0
Fund Balances – End of Year	\$1,910,865	\$343,153

See Notes To Financial Statements

Special Revenue Funds			
Rural Services	Secondary Roads	Nonmajor	Total
\$2,119,486	\$0	\$90,227	\$6,995,987
0	0	0	62,457
159,171	3,162,324	384,356	6,377,517
8,850	5,730	0	15,005
1,563	95	65,989	484,404
964	0	2,751	325,461
1,540	91,344	20,403	224,273
2,291,574	3,259,493	563,726	14,485,104
689,372	0	442	2,493,996
34,479	0	0	280,727
0	0	0	2,874,459
430,785	0	349,003	1,228,838
0	4,025,950	0	4,025,950
3,441	0	0	462,462
0	0	0	1,896,146
0	0	18,994	70,592
0	0	94,770	104,105
0	132,740	0	152,740
1,158,077	4,158,690	463,209	13,590,015
1,133,497	(899,197)	100,517	895,089
0	36,450	0	36,450
0	1,472,477	946	1,623,423
(1,372,477)	0	(150,000)	(1,623,423)
0	0	15,577	15,577
(1,372,477)	1,508,927	(133,477)	52,027
(238,980)	609,730	(32,960)	947,116
580,886	1,293,372	480,475	3,999,425
0	3,549	0	3,549
\$341,906	\$1,906,651	\$447,515	\$4,950,090

BUCHANAN COUNTY
Independence, Iowa

**RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**
Year Ended June 30, 2008

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds (Pages 15-16) \$947,116

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures while governmental activities report depreciation expense to allocate those expenditures over the life of the assets. Capital outlay expenditures and contributed capital assets exceeded depreciation expense in the current year as follows:

Expenditures for Capital Assets	\$1,348,209	
Capital Assets Contributed by the Iowa Department of Transportation	407,706	
Contribution from others for Conservation land purchase	88,350	
Depreciation Expense	<u>(1,080,981)</u>	763,284

In the Statement of Activities, the gain on the disposition of capital assets is reported, whereas the governmental funds report the proceeds from the sale as an increase in financial resources. (69,069)

Because some revenues will not be collected for several months after the County's year end, they are not considered available revenues and are deferred in the governmental funds as follows:

Property Tax	2,247	
Other	<u>16,268</u>	18,515

Proceeds from issuing long-term liabilities provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Assets. Repayment of long-term liabilities is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long term liabilities in the Statement of Net Assets. Current year repayments exceeded issues as follows:

Issued	(15,577)	
Repaid	<u>94,335</u>	78,758

Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds as follows:

Compensated Absences	6,996	
Interest on Long-Term Debt	<u>241</u>	7,237

Inventories in the governmental funds have been recorded as expenditures when paid. However, the Statement of Activities will report these items as expenditures in the period that the corresponding net asset is exhausted. 3,549

The Internal Service Fund is used by management to charge the costs of employee health benefits to individual funds. The change in net assets of the Internal Service Fund is reported with governmental activities.

444,779

Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activities (Page 11) \$2,194,169

See Notes to Financial Statements

**BUCHANAN COUNTY
Independence, Iowa**

**STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
June 30, 2008**

	Internal Service Employee Group Health
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ASSETS	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$408,196
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LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	136,410
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NET ASSETS	
Unrestricted	\$271,786
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See Notes To Financial Statements

**BUCHANAN COUNTY
Independence, Iowa****STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES
AND CHANGES IN FUND NET ASSETS
PROPRIETARY FUND
Year Ended June 30, 2008**

	Internal Service Employee Group Health
OPERATING REVENUES:	
Reimbursements From Operating Funds	\$1,492,728
Reimbursements From Employees	83,800
Miscellaneous	243,011
Total Operating Revenues	<u>1,819,539</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES:	
Medical Claims	1,118,518
Insurance Premiums	247,513
Administrative Fees	9,523
Total Operating Expenses	<u>1,375,554</u>
Operating Income	443,985
NON-OPERATING REVENUES:	
Interest on Investments	<u>794</u>
Net Income	444,779
Net Assets Beginning of Year	<u>(172,993)</u>
Net Assets End of Year	<u><u>\$271,786</u></u>

See Notes To Financial Statements

Exhibit I**BUCHANAN COUNTY**
Independence, Iowa**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**
PROPRIETARY FUND
Year Ended June 30, 2008

	Internal Service Employee Group Health
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:	
Cash Received From Operating Fund Reimbursements	\$1,492,727
Cash Received From Employees and Others	326,811
Cash Payments To Suppliers For Services	(1,621,833)
Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities	197,705
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:	
Interest on Investments	794
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	198,499
Cash & Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	209,697
Cash & Cash Equivalents at End of Year	\$408,196
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES:	
Operating Income	\$443,985
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income to Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities:	
Decrease In Accounts Payable	(246,280)
Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities	\$197,705

See Notes To Financial Statements

**BUCHANAN COUNTY
Independence, Iowa****STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AGENCY FUNDS
June 30, 2008****ASSETS**

Cash & Pooled Investments:	
County Treasurer	\$887,799
Other County Officials	37,830
Receivables:	
Property Tax:	
Delinquent	3,733
Succeeding Year	16,766,590
Accounts	14,272
Accrued Interest	21
TOTAL ASSETS	17,710,245

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	205
Due To Other Governments	17,644,844
Trusts Payable	58,257
Compensated Absences	6,939
TOTAL LIABILITIES	17,710,245

NET ASSETS	\$0
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See Notes To Financial Statements

BUCHANAN COUNTY
Independence, Iowa

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Buchanan County is a political subdivision of the State of Iowa and operates under the Home Rule provisions of the Constitution of Iowa. The County operates under the Board of Supervisors form of government. Elections are on a partisan basis. Other elected officials operate independently with the Board of Supervisors. These officials are the Auditor, Treasurer, Recorder, Sheriff, and Attorney. The County provides numerous services to citizens, including law enforcement, health and social services, parks and cultural activities, planning and zoning, roadway construction and maintenance, and general administrative services.

The County's financial statements are prepared in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

A. REPORTING ENTITY

For financial reporting purposes, Buchanan County has included all funds, organizations, agencies, boards, commissions, and authorities. The County has also considered all potential component units for which it is financially accountable, and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the County are such that exclusion would cause the County's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. These criteria include appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and (1) the ability of the County to impose its will on that organization or (2) the potential for the organization to provide specific benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the County.

These financial statements present Buchanan County (the primary government) and its component units. The component units discussed below are included in the County's reporting entity because of the significance of their operational or financial relationships with the County.

Blended Component Units – The following component units are entities which are legally separate from the County, but are so intertwined with the County that they are, in substance, the same as the County. They are reported as part of the County and blended into the appropriate funds.

Two drainage districts have been established pursuant to Chapter 468 of the Code of Iowa for the drainage of surface waters from agricultural and other lands or the protection of such lands from overflow. Although these districts are legally separate from the County, they are controlled, managed and supervised by the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors. The drainage districts are reported as a Special Revenue Fund. Financial information of the individual drainage districts can be obtained from the Buchanan County Auditor's office.

Jointly Governed Organizations – The County also participates in several jointly governed organizations that provide goods or services to the citizenry of the County but do not meet the criteria of a joint venture since there is no ongoing financial interest or responsibility by the participating governments. The Buchanan County Board of Supervisors are members of or appoint representatives to the following boards and commissions: Buchanan County Assessor's Conference Board, Buchanan County Emergency Management Commission, and Buchanan County Joint E911 Service Board. Financial transactions of these organizations are included in the County's financial statements only to the extent of the County's fiduciary relationship with the organization and, as such, are reported in the Agency Funds of the County.

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

B. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

Government-wide Financial Statements – The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the County and its component units. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities are supported by property tax, intergovernmental revenues and other nonexchange transactions.

The Statement of Net Assets presents the County's nonfiduciary assets and liabilities, with the difference reported as net assets. Net assets are reported in three categories.

Invested in capital assets, net of related debt consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by outstanding balances for bonds, notes, and other debt attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.

Restricted net assets result when constraints placed on net asset use are either externally imposed or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted net assets consist of net assets that do not meet the definition of the two preceding categories. Unrestricted net assets often have constraints on resources imposed by management which can be removed or modified.

The Statement of Activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those clearly identifiable with a specific function. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services or privileges provided by a given function and 2) grants, contributions and interest restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function. Property tax and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements – Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements. All remaining governmental funds are aggregated and reported as nonmajor governmental funds.

The County reports the following major governmental funds:

The General Fund is the general operating fund of the County. All general tax revenues and other revenues not allocated by law or contractual agreement to some other fund are accounted for in this fund. From the fund are paid the general operating expenditures, the fixed charges and the capital improvement costs that are not paid from other funds.

Special Revenue

The Mental Health Fund is used to account for property tax and other revenues designated to be used to fund mental health, mental retardation, and developmental disabilities services.

The Rural Services Fund is used to account for property tax and other revenues to provide services which are primarily intended to benefit those persons residing in the county outside of incorporated city areas.

The Secondary Roads Fund is used to account for the secondary road construction and maintenance.

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

B. BASIS OF PRESENTATION (CONTINUED)

Additionally the County reports the following funds:

Proprietary Fund – An Internal Service Fund is utilized to account for the financing of goods or services purchased by one department of the county and provided to other departments or agencies on a cost reimbursement basis.

Fiduciary Funds – Agency funds are used to account for assets held by the County as an agent for individuals, private organizations, certain jointly governed organizations, other governmental units, and/or other funds.

C. MEASUREMENT FOCUS AND BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The government-wide, proprietary fund and fiduciary fund financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property tax is recognized as revenue in the year for which it is levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been satisfied.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the County considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days after year end.

Property tax, intergovernmental revenues (shared revenues, grants and reimbursements from other governments) and interest are considered to be susceptible to accrual. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the County.

Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However principal and interest on long term debt, claims, judgments and compensated absences are recorded as expenditures only when payment is due. Capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

Under the terms of grant agreements, the County funds certain programs by a combination of specific cost-reimbursement grants, categorical block grants and general revenues. Thus, when program expenses are incurred, there are both restricted and unrestricted net assets available to finance the program. It is the County's policy to first apply the cost-reimbursement grant resources to such programs, followed by categorical block grants, and then by general revenues.

The proprietary funds of the County applies all applicable GASB pronouncements as well as the following pronouncements issued on or before November 30, 1989, unless these pronouncements conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements: Financial Accounting Standards Board Statements of Interpretations, Accounting Principles Board Opinions, and Accounting Research Bulletins of the Committee on Accounting Procedure.

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

C. MEASUREMENT FOCUS AND BASIS OF ACCOUNTING (CONTINUED)

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the County's Internal Service Fund is charges to customers for sales and services. Operating expenses for Internal Service Funds include the cost of services and administrative expenses. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

The County maintains its financial records on the cash basis. The financial statements of the County are prepared by making memorandum adjusting entries to the cash basis financial records.

D. ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

The following accounting policies are followed in preparing the financial statements:

Cash, Pooled Investments and Cash Equivalents – The cash balances of most County funds are pooled and invested. Interest earned on investments is recorded in the General Fund, unless otherwise provided by law. Investments are stated at fair value except for the investment in the Iowa Public Agency Investment Trust which is valued at amortized cost and non-negotiable certificates of deposit which are stated at cost.

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, all short-term cash investments that are highly liquid are considered to be cash equivalents. Cash equivalents are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and, at the day of purchase, have a maturity date no longer than three months.

Property Tax Receivable – Property tax in governmental funds is accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting.

Property tax receivable is recognized in these funds on the levy or lien date, which is the date the tax asking is certified by the County Board of Supervisors. Delinquent property tax receivable represents unpaid taxes for the current and prior years. The succeeding year property tax receivable represents taxes certified by the Board of Supervisors to be collected in the next fiscal year for the purposes set out in the budget for the next fiscal year. By statute, the Board of Supervisors is required to certify its budget in March of each year for the subsequent fiscal year. However, by statute, the tax asking and budget certification for the following fiscal year becomes effective on the first day of that year. Although the succeeding year property tax receivable has been recorded, the related revenue is deferred in both the government-wide and fund financial statements and will not be recognized as revenue until the year for which it is levied.

Property tax revenue recognized in these funds becomes due and collectible in September and March of the fiscal year with a 1½% per month penalty for delinquent payments; is based on January 1, 2006 assessed property valuations; is for the tax accrual period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 and reflects the tax asking contained in the budget certified by the County Board of Supervisors in March, 2007.

Interest and Penalty on Property Tax Receivable – Interest and penalty on property tax receivable represents the amount of interest and penalty that was due and payable, but has not been collected.

Drainage Assessments Receivable – Drainage assessments receivable represent the amounts assessed to individuals for work done on drainage districts which benefit their property.

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

D. ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY (CONTINUED)

Due from Other Governments – Due from other governments represents amounts due from the State of Iowa, various shared revenues, grants, and reimbursements from other governments.

Inventories – Inventories are valued at cost using the first-in, first-out method. Inventories in the Special Revenue Funds consist of expendable supplies held for consumption. The cost is recorded as an expenditure at the time individual inventory items are purchased. Reported inventories are equally offset by a fund balance reserve which indicates that they are not available to liquidate current obligations.

Capital Assets – Capital assets, which include property, equipment and vehicles, and infrastructure assets (e.g., roads, bridges, curbs, gutters, sidewalks and similar items which are immovable and of value only to the government), are reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide Statement of Net Assets. Capital assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized. Reportable capital assets are defined by the County as assets with initial, individual costs in excess of the following thresholds and estimated useful lives in excess of two years.

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Infrastructure	\$50,000
Land, Buildings and Improvements	\$25,000
Equipment and Vehicles	\$5,000

Capital assets of the County are depreciated using the straight line method over the following estimated useful lives:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Estimated Useful Lives (In Years)</u>
Buildings	40-65
Building Improvements	20-50
Infrastructure	10-65
Equipment	2-20
Vehicles	3-10

Due to Other Governments – Due to other governments represents taxes and other revenues collected by the County and payments for services which will be remitted to other governments.

Trusts Payable – Trusts payable represents amounts due to others which are held by various County officials in fiduciary capacities until the underlying legal matters are resolved.

Deferred Revenue – Although certain revenues are measurable, they are not available. Available means collected within the current period or expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Deferred revenue in the governmental fund financial statements represents the amount of assets that have been recognized, but the related revenue has not been recognized since the assets are not collected within the current period or expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Deferred revenue consists of unspent grant proceeds as well as property tax receivable and other receivables not collected within sixty days after year-end.

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

D. ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY (CONTINUED)

Deferred revenue on the Statement of Net Assets consists of succeeding year property tax receivable that will not be recognized as revenue until the year for which it is levied and unspent grant proceeds.

Compensated Absences – County employees accumulate a limited amount of earned but unused vacation hours for subsequent use or for payment upon termination, death or retirement. A liability is recorded when incurred in the government-wide, proprietary fund and fiduciary fund financial statements. A liability for these amounts is reported in governmental fund financial statements only for employees who have resigned or retired. The compensated absences liability has been computed based on rates of pay in effect at June 30, 2008. The compensated absence liability attributable to the governmental activities will be paid primarily by the General, Mental Health, Rural Services and Secondary Roads Funds.

Long-Term Liabilities – In the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities or proprietary fund Statement of Net Assets. Bond issuance costs are reported as deferred charges and amortized over the term of the related debt.

In the governmental fund financial statements, the face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

Fund Equity – In the governmental fund financial statements, reservations of fund balance are reported for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose. Designations of fund balance represent tentative management plans that are subject to change.

Net Assets – The net assets of the Internal Service, Employee Group Health Insurance Fund is designated for anticipated future catastrophic losses of the County.

E. BUDGETS AND BUDGETARY ACCOUNTING

The budgetary comparison and related disclosures are reported as Required Supplementary Information. During the year ended June 30, 2008, disbursements exceeded amounts budgeted in the Mental Health, County Environment & Education and Debt Service functions.

Note 2: Cash and Pooled Investments

The County's deposits in banks at June 30, 2008, were entirely covered by federal depository insurance or by the State Sinking Fund in accordance with Chapter 12C of the Code of Iowa. This chapter provides for additional assessments against the depositories to insure there will be no loss of public funds.

The County is authorized by statute to invest public funds in obligations of the United States government, its agencies and instrumentalities; certificates of deposit or other evidences of deposit at federally insured depository institutions approved by the Board of Supervisors; prime eligible bankers acceptances; certain high rated commercial paper; perfected repurchase agreements; certain registered open-end management investment companies; certain joint investment trusts; and warrants or improvement certificates of a drainage district.

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

Note 2: Cash and Pooled Investments (Continued)

The County had investments in the Iowa Public Agency Investment Trust which are valued at amortized cost of \$3,231,081, pursuant to Rule 2a-7 under the Investment Company Act of 1940.

Interest rate risk. The County's investment policy limits the investment of operating funds (funds expected to be expended in the current budget year or within 15 months of receipt) in instruments that mature within 397 days. Funds not identified as operating funds may be invested in investments with maturities longer than 397 days but the maturities shall be consistent with the need and use of the County.

Credit Risk. The investment in Iowa Public Agency Investment Trust is unrated.

Note 3: Inter-fund Transfers

The detail of inter-fund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2008, is as follows:

Transfer To	Transfer From	Amount
General Basic	Special Revenue:	
	Jail Room and Board	\$135,000
	Conservation Reserve	946
	Recorder's Records Management	15,000
Special Revenue:		
Secondary Roads	General	100,000
	Special Revenue:	
	Rural Services	1,372,477
Total		<u>\$1,623,423</u>

Transfers generally move resources from the fund statutorily required to collect the resources to the fund statutorily required to expend the resources.

Note 4: Capital Assets

Capital assets activity for the year ended June 30, 2008 was as follows:

	Balance Beginning of Year	Increases	Decreases	Balance End of Year
Governmental Activities:				
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated:				
Land	\$1,398,307	\$422,176	\$0	\$1,820,483
Construction in Progress	0	427,700	0	427,700
Total Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated	<u>1,398,307</u>	<u>849,876</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,248,183</u>
Capital Assets Being Depreciated:				
Buildings and Improvements	3,388,222	25,417	0	3,413,639
Machinery and Equipment	5,807,418	433,911	309,210	5,932,119
Vehicles	990,690	127,355	66,504	1,051,541
Infrastructure, Road Network	18,197,402	407,706	0	18,605,108
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated	<u>28,383,732</u>	<u>994,389</u>	<u>375,714</u>	<u>29,002,407</u>

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

Note 4: Capital Assets (Continued)

	Balance Beginning of Year	Increases	Decreases	Balance End of Year
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:				
Buildings and Improvements	\$1,920,528	\$56,284	\$0	\$1,976,812
Machinery and Equipment	3,049,457	416,234	243,120	3,222,571
Vehicles	619,352	105,534	63,525	661,361
Infrastructure, Road Network	2,781,114	502,929	0	3,284,043
Total Accumulated Depreciation	8,370,451	1,080,981	306,645	9,144,787
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net	20,013,281	(86,592)	69,069	19,857,620
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	\$21,411,588	\$763,284	\$69,069	\$22,105,803

Depreciation expense was charged to the following functions:

Governmental Activities:	
Public Safety and Legal Services	\$67,476
Mental Health	4,078
County Environment and Education	55,291
Roads and Transportation	886,988
Governmental Services to Residents	9,449
Administration	57,699
Total Depreciation Expense – Governmental Activities	<u>\$1,080,981</u>

Note 5: Due to Other Governments

The County purchases services from other governmental units and also acts as a fee and tax collection agent for various governmental units. Tax collections are remitted to those governments in the month following collection. A summary of amounts due to other governments is as follows:

Fund	Description	Amount
General	Services	\$9,624
Special Revenue:		
Mental Health	Services	461,478
Total for Governmental Funds		<u>\$471,102</u>
Agency:		
Agricultural Extension	Collections	\$177,110
Assessor & Special Appraisal		423,359
Schools		10,153,033
Community Colleges		694,201
Corporations		4,682,699
Auto License & Use Tax		336,800
All Others		1,184,581
Total for Agency Funds		<u>\$17,651,783</u>

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

Note 6: Changes in Long-Term Liabilities

A summary of changes in long-term liabilities for the year ended June 30, 2008, is as follows:

	General Obligation Notes	Conservation Note	Compensated Absences	Retirement Benefits	Drainage	Total
Balance Beginning of Year	\$265,000	\$37,338	\$185,962	\$0	\$0	\$488,300
Increases	0	0	0	1,800	15,577	17,377
Decreases	85,000	9,335	6,996	1,800	0	103,131
Balance End of Year	\$180,000	\$28,003	\$178,966	\$0	\$15,577	\$402,546
Due Within One Year	\$90,000	\$9,335	\$178,966	\$0	\$0	\$278,301

Notes Payable

During the year ended June 30, 2005, the County issued \$420,000 of General Obligation County Purpose Notes for the purpose of providing funds to pay the cost of acquiring voting and computer equipment and improving the parking lot at the Courthouse. The notes are general obligations of the County and will be paid with taxes levied on all taxable property in the County. Interest is payable semiannually commencing on December 1, 2005, principal is due annually commencing June 1, 2006. The note is to be paid in full on June 1, 2010. The County was in compliance in the issuance of the notes. A summary of the General Obligation Note indebtedness is as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	Interest Rate	Principal	Interest	Total
2009	4.50%	\$90,000	\$6,480	\$96,480
2010	4.50%	90,000	3,285	93,285
		\$180,000	\$9,765	\$189,765

During the year ended June 30, 2001, the Executive Council of Iowa approved a loan from the Contingency Fund for the Fontana Dam Restoration Project to the Buchanan County Conservation Board. The loan is free of interest and is due in 10 annual installments of \$9,335, the first payment due on December 4, 2001.

A summary of debt is as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	Principal
2009	\$9,335
2010	9,335
2011	9,333
	\$28,003

Retirement Benefits – Courthouse employees under union contract and Secondary Road employees are allowed, upon qualified retirement or death, to receive a lump sum amount for the conversion of unused sick time. For each month of unused sick pay, the employee receives one hour of pay up to a maximum of \$1,800.

During the year ending June 30, 2008, one employee received the maximum payout. At June 30, 2008, there were no other employees eligible to receive the benefit.

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

Note 7: Pension and Retirement Benefits

The County contributes to the Iowa Public Employees Retirement System (IPERS), which is a cost sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the State of Iowa. IPERS provides retirement and death benefits which are established by state statute to plan members and beneficiaries. IPERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. The report may be obtained by writing to IPERS, P.O. Box 9117, Des Moines, Iowa, 50306-9117.

Most plan members are required to contribute 3.90% of their annual covered salary and the County is required to contribute 6.05% of annual covered salary. Certain employees in special risk occupations and the County contribute an actuarially determined contribution rate. Contribution requirements are established by state statute. The County's contributions to IPERS for the years ended June 30, 2008, 2007, and 2006 were \$255,520, \$222,614 and \$232,756, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

Note 8: Risk Management

Buchanan County is a member in the Iowa Communities Assurance Pool, as allowed by Chapter 331.301 of the Code of Iowa. The Iowa Communities Assurance Pool (Pool) is a local government risk-sharing pool with over 563 members from various governmental entities throughout the State of Iowa. The Pool was formed in August 1986 for the purpose of managing and funding third-party liability claims against its members. The Pool provides coverage and protection in the following categories: general liability, automobile liability, automobile physical damage, public officials liability, police professional liability, property and inland marine. There have been no reductions in insurance coverage from prior years.

Each member's annual casualty contributions to the Pool fund current operations and provide capital. Annual operating contributions are those amounts necessary to fund, on a cash basis, the pool's general and administrative expenses, claims, claims expenses, and reinsurance expenses due and payable in the current year, plus all or any portion of any deficiency in capital. Capital contributions are made during the first six years of membership and are maintained to equal 200 percent of the total current members' basis rates or to comply with the requirements of any applicable regulatory authority having jurisdiction over the Pool.

The Pool also provides property coverage. Members who elect such coverage make annual operating contributions which are necessary to fund, on a cash basis, the Pool's general and administrative expenses and reinsurance premiums, all of which are due and payable in the current year, plus all or any portion of any deficiency in capital. Any year-end operating surplus is transferred to capital. Deficiencies in operations are offset by transfers from capital and, if sufficient, by the subsequent year's member contributions.

The County's property and casualty contributions to the risk pool are recorded as expenditures from its operating funds at the time of payment to the risk pool. The County's annual contributions to the Pool for the year ended June 30, 2008 were \$134,517.

The Pool uses reinsurance and excess risk sharing agreements to reduce its exposure to large losses. The Pool retains general, automobile, police professional, and public officials liability risks up to \$350,000 per claim. Claims exceeding \$350,000 are reinsured in an amount not to exceed \$2,650,000 per claim and \$10,000,000 in aggregate per year. For members requiring specific coverage from \$3,000,000 to \$10,000,000, such excess coverage is also reinsured. Property and automobile physical damage risks are retained by the Pool up to \$100,000 each occurrence, each location, with excess coverage reinsured on an individual member basis.

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

Note 8: Risk Management (Continued)

The Pool's intergovernmental contract with its members provides that in the event a casualty claim or series of claims exceeds the amount of risk sharing protection provided by the member's risk sharing certificate, or in the event that a series of casualty claims exhausts total members' equity plus any reinsurance and any excess risk sharing recoveries, then payment of such claims shall be the obligation of the respective individual member. The County does not report a liability for losses in excess of reinsurance or excess risk sharing recoveries unless it is deemed probable that such losses have occurred and the amount of such loss can be reasonably estimated. Accordingly, at June 30, 2008, no liability has been recorded in the County's financial statements. As of June 30, 2008, settled claims have not exceeded the risk pool or reinsurance company coverage since the pool's inception.

Members agree to continue membership in the Pool for a period of not less than one full year. After such period, a member who has given 60 days prior written notice may withdraw from the Pool. Upon withdrawal, payments for all claims and claim expenses become the sole responsibility of the withdrawing member, regardless of whether a claim was incurred or reported prior to the member's withdrawal. Members withdrawing within the first six years of membership may receive a partial refund of their capital contributions. If a member withdraws after the sixth year, the member is refunded 100 percent of their capital contributions, however, the refund is reduced by an amount equal to the annual operating contribution which the withdrawing member would have made for the one-year period following withdrawal.

The County also carries commercial insurance purchased from other insurers for coverage associated with worker's compensation and employee blanket bond. The County assumes liability for any deductibles and claims in excess of coverage limitations. The County assumes responsibility for worker's compensation and employee blanket bond in excess of \$500,000 and \$20,000 per employee, with additional \$80,000 coverage on the Treasurer. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

Note 9: Health Insurance Plan

The County is self-insured for health insurance coverage of its employees. Claims of the employees are submitted to a third-party administrator who, in turn, bills the plan funds for the necessary amount. The plan is covered by reinsurance to protect the stop-loss of 125% of expected claims.

The County's contribution for the year ended June 30, 2008 was \$1,492,727.

Note 10: Commitments and Contingencies

The County participates in a number of federally assisted grant programs. The programs are subject to financial and compliance audits. The amount of expenditures, if any, which may be disallowed by the granting agencies is not determinable at this time; however, County officials do not believe that such amounts would be significant.

Note 11: Related Party Transactions

The County had business transactions between the County and County officials of \$517 during the year ended June 30, 2008.

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

Note 12: Budget Over-expenditure

Per the Code of Iowa, disbursements may not legally exceed amounts budgeted by function or amounts appropriated by department. During the year ended June 30, 2008, disbursements in several functions exceeded the amounts budgeted and disbursements in certain departments exceeded the amounts appropriated.

Note 13: Deficit Balance

A deficit fund balance of \$294 was noted in the Special Revenue, Drainage Fund at June 30, 2008.

A deficit balance of \$6,581 was noted in the Emergency Management Fund (Agency) at June 30, 2008 as well as deficit monthly fund balances during the year ended June 30, 2007.

Note 14: 28E Agreement

Buchanan County participates in an agreement with the Buchanan County Landfill Commission, a political subdivision created under Chapter 28E of the Code of Iowa. The purpose of the Commission includes providing economic disposal of solid waste produced or generated within the County and member municipalities.

The County has provided a local government guarantee for a portion of the postclosure costs of the Commission in accordance with Chapter 111.6(8) of the Iowa Administrative Code. Total costs of postclosure of the landfill as of June 30, 2008 are equal to the postclosure estimated amounts and the County's financial assurance obligation of that amount is assured.

In the event the Commission fails to perform postclosure care in accordance with the appropriate plan or permit, whenever required to do so, or fails to obtain alternate financial assurance with 90 days of intent to cancel, the County will perform, or pay a third party to perform, postclosure care or establish a standby trust fund in the name of the Commission or obtain alternate financial assurance in the amount of the assured amount.

BUCHANAN COUNTY
Independence, Iowa

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS,
DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES IN BALANCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL (CASH BASIS) – ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
Year Ended June 30, 2008

	Actual	Less Funds Not Required to Be Budgeted	Net	Budgeted Amounts		Final to Actual Variance Positive (Negative)
				Original	Final	
RECEIPTS:						
Property & Other County Tax	\$6,991,813	\$0	\$6,991,813	\$6,813,695	\$7,063,695	\$(71,882)
Interest & Penalty on Property Tax	62,376	0	62,376	51,000	51,000	11,376
Intergovernmental	6,269,870	0	6,269,870	5,977,435	6,443,337	(173,467)
Licenses & Permits	14,905	0	14,905	13,800	13,800	1,105
Charges for Services	475,176	0	475,176	428,845	444,145	31,031
Use of Money & Property	335,656	0	335,656	241,235	307,460	28,196
Miscellaneous	228,497	0	228,497	59,225	92,625	135,872
Total Receipts	14,378,293	0	14,378,293	13,585,235	14,416,062	(37,769)
DISBURSEMENTS:						
Public Safety & Legal Services	2,514,922	0	2,514,922	2,310,706	2,633,601	118,679
Physical Health & Social Services	291,449	0	291,449	237,879	339,284	47,835
Mental Health	2,965,766	0	2,965,766	2,809,885	2,809,885	(155,881)
County Environment & Education	1,231,665	0	1,231,665	892,974	892,974	(338,691)
Roads & Transportation	4,190,822	0	4,190,822	4,818,000	5,118,000	927,178
Governmental Services to Residents	461,723	0	461,723	512,148	512,148	50,425
Administrative Services	1,903,930	0	1,903,930	2,034,073	2,049,073	145,143
Non-program	52,481	15,577	36,904	43,335	43,335	6,431
Debt Service	104,105	0	104,105	103,705	103,705	(400)
Capital Projects	174,425	0	174,425	761,000	836,000	661,575
Total Disbursements	13,891,288	15,577	13,875,711	14,523,705	15,338,005	1,462,294
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	487,005	(15,577)	502,582	(938,470)	(921,943)	1,424,525
Other Financing Sources, Net	52,027	15,577	36,450	9,500	9,500	26,950
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Disbursements & Other Financing Uses	539,032	0	539,032	(928,970)	(912,443)	1,451,475
Balance Beginning of Year	4,491,638	476	4,491,162	3,093,273	4,493,057	(1,895)
Balance End of Year	\$5,030,670	\$476	\$5,030,194	\$2,164,303	\$3,580,614	\$1,449,580

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BUCHANAN COUNTY
Independence, Iowa

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGET TO GAAP RECONCILIATION
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
Year Ended June 30, 2008

	Governmental Funds		
	Cash Basis	Accrual Adjustments	Modified Accrual Basis
Revenues	\$14,378,293	\$106,811	\$14,485,104
Expenditures	13,891,288	(301,273)	13,590,015
Net	487,005	408,084	895,089
Other Financing Sources, Net	52,027	0	52,027
Beginning Fund Balances	4,491,638	(492,213)	3,999,425
Increase in Reserve For: Inventories	0	3,549	3,549
Ending Fund Balances	\$5,030,670	\$(80,580)	\$4,950,090

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Notes to Required Supplementary Information – Budgetary Reporting

June 30, 2008

This budgetary comparison is presented as Required Supplementary Information in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 41 for governments with significant budgetary perspective differences resulting from not being able to present budgetary comparison for the General Fund and each major Special Revenue Fund.

In accordance with the Code of Iowa, the County Board of Supervisors annually adopts a budget on the cash basis following required public notice and hearing for all funds, except blended component units and Agency Funds, and appropriates the amount deemed necessary for each of the different County offices and departments. The budget may be amended during the year utilizing similar statutorily prescribed procedures. Encumbrances are not recognized on the cash basis budget and appropriations lapse at year end.

Formal and legal budgetary control is based upon 10 major classes of expenditures known as functions, not by fund. These 10 functions are: public safety and legal services, physical health and social services, mental health, county environment and education, roads and transportation, governmental services to residents, administration, non-program, debt service and capital projects. Function disbursements required to be budgeted include disbursements for the General Fund, Special Revenue Funds and Debt Service Fund. Although the budget document presents function disbursements by fund, the legal level of control is at the aggregated function level, not by fund. Legal budgetary control is also based upon the appropriation to each office or department. During the year, a budget amendment increased budgeted disbursements by \$814,300. The budget amendments are reflected in the final budgeted amounts.

In addition, annual budgets are similarly adopted in accordance with the Code of Iowa by the appropriate governing body as indicated: for the County Extension Office by the County Agricultural Extension Council, for the County Assessor by the County Conference Board, for the E911 System by the Joint E911 Service Board and for Emergency Management Services by the County Emergency Management Commission.

During the year ended June 30, 2008, disbursements exceeded the amounts budgeted in the Mental Health, County Environment & Education and Debt Service functions and disbursements in certain departments exceeded the amounts appropriated.

BUCHANAN COUNTY
Independence, Iowa

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
June 30, 2008

	Jail Room and Board	Commissary Profit	Sheriff's Canine	Sheriff's Forfeiture	Sheriff's Federal Forfeiture
ASSETS					
Cash & Pooled Investments:					
County Treasurer	\$16,334	\$2,996	\$5,141	\$224	\$41
Receivables:					
Property Tax					
Delinquent	0	0	0	0	0
Succeeding Year	0	0	0	0	0
Accounts	3,970	0	0	0	0
Accrued Interest	0	1,912	0	0	0
Assessments	0	0	0	0	0
Due from Other Governments	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL ASSETS	\$20,304	\$4,908	\$5,141	\$224	\$41
LIABILITIES, FUND EQUITY AND OTHER CREDITS					
Liabilities					
Accounts Payable	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Accrued Interest	0	0	0	0	0
Deferred Revenue					
Succeeding Year Property Tax	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL LIABILITIES	0	0	0	0	0
Fund Equity and Other Credits					
Fund Balances					
Reserved for					
Debt Service	0	0	0	0	0
Unreserved	20,304	4,908	5,141	224	41
TOTAL FUND EQUITY AND OTHER CREDITS	20,304	4,908	5,141	224	41
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$20,304	\$4,908	\$5,141	\$224	\$41

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Schedule 1

REAP	Recorder Records Management	Recorders Electronic Transaction	Nature Center	Drainage	Conservation Fiduciary	Conservation Reserve	Debt Service	Total
\$67,576	\$17,945	\$264	\$25,117	\$476	\$449	\$98,590	\$15,720	\$250,873
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	779	779
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	424,423	424,423
0	0	0	0	0	0	300	0	4,270
28	28	0	12	0	0	0	0	1,980
0	0	0	0	3,091	0	0	0	3,091
0	0	0	0	0	0	193,784	0	193,784
\$67,604	\$17,973	\$264	\$25,129	\$3,567	\$449	\$292,674	\$440,922	\$879,200
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$48	\$3,091	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,139
0	0	0	0	326	0	0	0	326
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	424,423	424,423
0	0	0	0	3,091	0	0	706	3,797
0	0	0	48	6,508	0	0	425,129	431,685
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15,793	15,793
67,604	17,973	264	25,081	(2,941)	449	292,674	0	431,722
67,604	17,973	264	25,081	(2,941)	449	292,674	15,793	447,515
\$67,604	\$17,973	\$264	\$25,129	\$3,567	\$449	\$292,674	\$440,922	\$879,200

BUCHANAN COUNTY
Independence, Iowa

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
Year Ended June 30, 2008

	Jail Room and Board	Commissary Profit	Sheriff's Canine	Sheriff's Forfeiture	Sheriff's Federal Forfeiture
REVENUES:					
Property and Other County Tax	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Intergovernmental	0	0	0	0	0
Charges for Services	53,470	7,692	0	0	0
Use of Money and Property	0	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	0	0	21	1	0
Total Revenues	53,470	7,692	21	1	0
EXPENDITURES:					
Operating:					
Public Safety and Legal Services	0	442	0	0	0
County Environment and Education	0	0	0	0	0
Non-program	0	0	0	0	0
Debt Service	0	0	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	0	442	0	0	0
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	53,470	7,250	21	1	0
Other Financing Sources (Uses):					
Operating Transfers In	0	0	0	0	0
Operating Transfers Out	(135,000)	0	0	0	0
Drainage Warrants/Improvement Certificates	0	0	0	0	0
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(135,000)	0	0	0	0
Net Change in Fund Balances	(81,530)	7,250	21	1	0
Fund Balances Beginning of Year	101,834	(2,342)	5,120	223	41
Fund Balances End of Year	\$20,304	\$4,908	\$5,141	\$224	\$41

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Schedule 2

REAP	Recorder's Records Management	Recorder's Electronic Transaction	Nature Center	Drainage	Conservation Fiduciary	Conservation Reserve	Debt Service	Total
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$90,227	\$90,227
16,583	0	0	0	0	0	363,284	4,489	384,356
0	4,827	0	0	0	0	0	0	65,989
490	141	5	278	0	0	1,837	0	2,751
0	0	0	0	0	0	20,381	0	20,403
17,073	4,968	5	278	0	0	385,502	94,716	563,726
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	442
0	0	0	2,520	0	600	345,883	0	349,003
0	0	0	0	18,994	0	0	0	18,994
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	94,770	94,770
0	0	0	2,520	18,994	600	345,883	94,770	463,209
17,073	4,968	5	(2,242)	(18,994)	(600)	39,619	(54)	100,517
0	0	0	0	0	0	946	0	946
0	(15,000)	0	0	0	0	0	0	(150,000)
0	0	0	0	15,577	0	0	0	15,577
0	(15,000)	0	0	15,577	0	946	0	(133,477)
17,073	(10,032)	5	(2,242)	(3,417)	(600)	40,565	(54)	(32,960)
50,531	28,005	259	27,323	476	1,049	252,109	15,847	480,475
\$67,604	\$17,973	\$264	\$25,081	\$(2,941)	\$449	\$292,674	\$15,793	\$447,515

BUCHANAN COUNTY
Independence, Iowa

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF FIDUCIARY
 ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AGENCY FUNDS
 June 30, 2008

	County Offices	Agricultural Extension Education	County Assessor	Schools
ASSETS				
Cash and Pooled Investments:				
County Treasurer	\$0	\$2,614	\$81,117	\$152,649
Other County Officials	37,830	0	0	0
Receivables:				
Property Tax:				
Delinquent	0	31	35	1,807
Succeeding Year	0	174,465	194,034	9,998,577
Accounts	0	0	0	0
Accrued Interest	0	0	0	0
TOTAL ASSETS	\$37,830	\$177,110	\$275,186	\$10,153,033
LIABILITIES				
Accounts Payable	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Due to Other Governments	0	177,110	270,048	10,153,033
Trusts Payable	37,830	0	0	0
Compensated Absences	0	0	5,138	0
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$37,830	\$177,110	\$275,186	\$10,153,033

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Schedule 3

Community Colleges	Corporations	Townships	Auto License & Use Tax	Other	Total
\$8,630 0	\$89,006 0	\$2,919 0	\$336,800 0	\$214,064 0	\$887,799 37,830
130 685,441 0 0	1,565 4,592,128 0 0	2 217,448 0 0	0 0 0 0	163 904,497 14,272 21	3,733 16,766,590 14,272 21
\$694,201	\$4,682,699	\$220,369	\$336,800	\$1,133,017	\$17,710,245
\$0 694,201 0 0	\$0 4,682,699 0 0	\$0 220,369 0 0	\$0 336,800 0 0	\$205 1,110,584 20,427 1,801	\$205 17,644,844 58,257 6,939
\$694,201	\$4,682,699	\$220,369	\$336,800	\$1,133,017	\$17,710,245

BUCHANAN COUNTY
Independence, Iowa

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY
ASSETS AND LIABILITIES – AGENCY FUNDS
Year Ended June 30, 2008

	County Offices	Agricultural Extension Education	County Assessor	Schools
Assets and Liabilities				
Balances Beginning of Year	\$49,740	\$170,627	\$263,941	\$9,731,169
Additions:				
Property and Other County Tax	0	174,782	194,402	10,016,449
E911 Surcharge	0	0	0	0
State Tax Credits	0	8,559	9,976	490,655
Office Fees and Collections	388,436	0	0	0
Auto Licenses, Use Tax and Postage	0	0	0	0
Assessments	0	0	0	0
Trusts	139,319	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	33,250	0	3,497	0
Total Additions	561,005	183,341	207,875	10,507,104
Deductions:				
Agency Remittances:				
To Other Funds	228,135	0	0	0
To Other Governments	201,538	176,858	196,630	10,085,240
Trusts Paid Out	143,242	0	0	0
Total Deductions	572,915	176,858	196,630	10,085,240
Balances End of Year	\$37,830	\$177,110	\$275,186	\$10,153,033

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Schedule 4

Community Colleges	Corporations	Townships	Auto License & Use Tax	Other	Totals
\$570,354	\$4,460,330	\$197,244	\$398,299	\$1,003,805	\$16,845,509
686,289	4,560,720	219,141	0	906,116	16,757,899
0	0	0	0	118,588	118,588
28,304	207,486	9,704	0	43,761	798,445
0	0	0	0	0	388,436
0	0	0	4,605,092	0	4,605,092
0	0	0	0	32,855	32,855
0	0	0	0	1,084	140,403
0	0	0	0	382,944	419,691
714,593	4,768,206	228,845	4,605,092	1,485,348	23,261,409
0	0	0	184,053	85	412,273
590,746	4,545,837	205,720	4,482,538	1,343,167	21,828,274
0	0	0	0	12,884	156,126
590,746	4,545,837	205,720	4,666,591	1,356,136	22,396,673
\$694,201	\$4,682,699	\$220,369	\$336,800	\$1,133,017	\$17,710,245

BUCHANAN COUNTY
Independence, Iowa

**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES BY SOURCE AND
EXPENDITURES BY FUNCTION
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

For the Last Six Years

	Modified Accrual Basis	
	2008	2007
Revenues:		
Property & Other County Tax	\$6,995,987	\$6,978,285
Interest & Penalty On Property Tax	62,457	31,435
Intergovernmental	6,377,517	5,972,865
Licenses & Permits	15,005	14,006
Charges For Service	484,404	503,470
Use of Money & Property	325,461	328,005
Miscellaneous	224,273	125,384
Total	\$14,485,104	\$13,953,450
Expenditures:		
Operating:		
Public Safety & Legal Services	\$2,493,996	\$1,956,602
Physical Health & Social Services	280,727	282,550
Mental Health	2,874,459	2,815,813
County Environment & Education	1,228,838	881,996
Roads and Transportation	4,025,950	3,626,634
Governmental Services To Residents	462,462	372,033
Administration	1,896,146	1,893,738
Non-program	53,712	33,522
Debt Services	104,105	186,343
Capital Projects	169,620	713,308
Total	\$13,590,015	\$12,762,539

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Schedule 5

Modified Accrual Basis			
2006	2005	2004	2003
\$6,468,892	\$6,390,781	\$5,776,781	\$5,200,535
60,696	65,401	57,370	52,977
5,662,227	5,896,416	5,284,982	4,742,734
16,631	13,907	14,475	12,182
515,110	591,508	553,649	537,460
258,912	150,031	115,019	125,301
215,443	155,551	126,927	158,158
\$13,197,911	\$13,263,595	\$11,929,203	\$10,829,347
\$2,493,081	\$2,397,070	\$2,218,273	\$2,233,465
159,317	169,989	156,274	183,352
2,504,044	2,505,863	2,371,445	2,248,634
830,266	623,719	593,717	617,592
4,434,783	4,398,858	3,212,903	3,441,287
573,061	386,754	334,368	337,830
1,809,031	1,422,123	1,351,040	1,227,014
32,282	29,224	101,051	35,563
182,283	106,441	239,299	252,078
905,675	934,422	338,056	241,242
\$13,923,823	\$12,974,463	\$10,916,426	\$10,818,057



Gardiner Thomsen
Certified Public Accountants

Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*

To the Officials of Buchanan County:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Buchanan County, Iowa, as of and for the years ended June 30, 2008, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements listed in the table of contents, and have issued our report thereon dated March 24, 2009. We conducted our audit in accordance with the U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Buchanan County's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the effectiveness of Buchanan County's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Buchanan County's internal control over financial reporting.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be significant deficiencies and other deficiencies we consider to be material weaknesses.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of the control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects Buchanan County's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood a misstatement of Buchanan County's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by Buchanan County's internal control. We consider the deficiencies in internal control described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings to be significant deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by Buchanan County's internal control.

Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in the internal control that might be significant deficiencies and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all significant deficiencies that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, of the significant deficiencies described above, we believe items A, B, and C are material weaknesses.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Buchanan County's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, and contracts, non-compliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of non-compliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*. However, we noted certain immaterial instances of non-compliance or other matters that are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings.

Comments involving statutory and other legal matters about the County's operations for the year ended June 30, 2008 are based exclusively on knowledge obtained from procedures performed during our audit of the financial statements of the County. Since our audit was based on tests and samples, not all transactions that might have had an impact on the comments were necessarily audited. The comments involving statutory and other legal matters are not intended to constitute legal interpretations of those statutes.

Buchanan County's responses to findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings. While we have expressed our conclusions on the County's responses, we did not audit Buchanan County's responses and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

This report, a public record by law, is intended solely for the information and use of the officials, employees and citizens of Buchanan County and other parties to whom Buchanan County may report. This report is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We would like to acknowledge the many courtesies and assistance extended to us by the personnel of Buchanan County during the course of our audit. Should you have any questions concerning any of the above matters, we shall be pleased to discuss them with you at your convenience.

March 24, 2009

Gardiner Thomsen, P.C.

BUCHANAN COUNTY
Independence, Iowa

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
Year Ended June 30, 2008

Findings Related to the Financial Statements

SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCIES

- A **Segregation of Duties** – During our review of internal control, the existing procedures are evaluated in order to determine that incompatible duties, from a control standpoint, are not performed by the same employee. This segregation of duties helps to prevent losses from employee error or dishonesty and therefore maximizes the accuracy of the County's financial statements. Responsibility for the custody of receipts and for the record keeping and reconciling functions for the County Treasurer's office are not segregated due to small office size. Also, an independent person does not approve bank wire transfers for investments.

Recommendation – We realize that with a limited number of office employees, segregation of duties is difficult. However, the County Officials should review the operating procedures of each office to obtain the maximum internal control possible under the circumstances.

Response – We have reviewed procedures and plan to make the necessary changes to improve internal control.

Conclusion – Response accepted.

- B **Financial Reporting** – During the audit, we identified material amounts of receivables, payables, capital assets and infrastructure not recorded or incorrectly recorded in the County's financial statements. Material amounts of infrastructure were removed due to timing errors and the historic cost on material amounts of infrastructure were incorrect. Adjustments were subsequently made by the County to properly include these amounts in the financial statements.

Recommendation – The County should implement procedures to ensure all receivables, payables and capital assets are identified and included in the County's financial statements.

Response – We will revise our current procedures to ensure the proper amounts are recorded in the financial statements in the future.

Conclusion – Response accepted.

- C **Preparation of Full Disclosure Financial Statements** – Internal controls over financial reporting include the actual preparation and review of financial statements, including footnote disclosure, for external reporting, as required by generally accepted accounting principles. Buchanan County does not have the internal resources to prepare the full-disclosure financial statements required by GAAP for external reporting. While this circumstance is not uncommon for most governmental entities, it is the responsibility of management and those charged with governance, to prepare reliable financial data, or accept the risk associated with this condition because of cost or other considerations.

Recommendation – We recognize that with a limited number of office employees, gaining sufficient knowledge and expertise to properly select and apply accounting principles and preparing full disclosure financial statements for external reporting purposes is difficult. However, we recommend that County officials continue to review operating procedures and obtain the internal expertise needed to handle all the aspects of external financial reporting, rather than rely on external assistance.

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS (CONTINUED)
Year Ended June 30, 2008

Findings Related to the Financial Statements (Continued)

Response – We recognize our limitations, however it is not fiscally responsible to add additional staff at this time.

Conclusion – Response acknowledged.

INSTANCES OF NON-COMPLAINE:

No matters were reported.

Other Findings Related to Required Statutory Reporting:

- 1 **Certified Budget** – Disbursements during the year ended June 30, 2008 exceeded the amounts budgeted in the Mental Health, County Environment & Education and Debt Service functions. Disbursements exceeded amounts appropriated in several departments during the year ended June 30, 2008.

Recommendation – The budget should have been amended in accordance with Chapter 331.435 of the Code of Iowa before disbursements were allowed to exceed the budget. Chapter 331.434(6) of the Code of Iowa authorizes the Board of Supervisors, by resolution to increase or decrease appropriations of one office or department by increasing or decreasing the appropriation of another office or department as long as the function budget is not increased. Such increases or decreases should be made before disbursements are allowed to exceed appropriations.

Response – We appropriated by department, for example, Sheriff, Treasurer, Mental Health. There are several line items in each department. For example, Task Force and Fusion are included with the Sheriff's appropriation. We will amend the budget when required and appropriations will be watched more closely by the departments.

Conclusion – Response accepted.

- 2 **Questionable Expenditures** – We noted certain expenditures that may not meet the requirements of public purpose as defined in an Attorney General's opinion dated April 25, 1979 since the public benefits to be derived have not been clearly documented. These expenditures are detailed as follows :

<u>Paid to</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Edgewood Locker	Food & Supplies for Volunteer Recognition Dinner	\$120
Hub City Bakery	Food & Supplies for Volunteer Recognition Dinner	\$35

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS (CONTINUED)
Year Ended June 30, 2008

Other Findings Related to Required Statutory Reporting (Continued)

According to the opinion, it is possible for certain expenditures to meet the test of serving a public purpose under certain circumstances, although such items will certainly be subjected to a deserved close scrutiny. The line to be drawn between a proper and improper purpose is very thin.

Recommendation – The Conservation department should determine and document the public purpose served by these expenditures before authorizing any further payments. If this practice is continued, the County should establish written policies and procedures, including requirements for proper documentation.

Response – Documentation of a public purpose for these expenditures will be recommended at future Conservation Board Meetings.

Conclusion – Response accepted.

- 3 **Travel Expense** – No expenditures of County money for travel expenses of spouses of County officials or employees were noted.

- 4 **Business Transaction** – The following business transactions between the County and County officials or employees were noted:

<u>Name, Title and Business Connection</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Cindy Witt, County Auditor		
Stephanie Witt, Daughter of Cindy Witt	Election Worker	\$19
Phyllis Haisch, Assessor's Office		
Lloyd Haisch, Spouse of Phyllis Haisch	Election Worker	\$498

The services provided by Stephanie Witt and Lloyd Haisch do not appear to represent conflicts of interest as the services provided were not in excess of \$1,500 as allowed by Chapter 331.342 of the Code of Iowa.

- 5 **Bond Coverages** – Surety bond coverage of County officials and employees is in accordance with statutory provisions. The amount of coverage should be reviewed periodically to ensure that coverage is adequate for current operations.
- 6 **Board Minutes** – No transactions were found that we believe should have been approved in the Board minutes but were not. The schedule of bills allowed is only published monthly, rather than with the Board Minutes publication. In addition, the Board went into closed session on July 23, 2007 and February 4, 2008 to discuss matters relating to the County. The minutes do not document the vote of each member on the question of holding the closed session as required by Chapter 21.5(2) of the Code of Iowa.

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS (CONTINUED)
Year Ended June 30, 2008

Other Findings Related to Required Statutory Reporting (Continued)

Recommendation – Chapter 349.18 of the Code of Iowa requires the schedule of bills allowed to be published after each board proceeding. The Board of Supervisors should ensure all closed meetings comply with Chapter 21 of the Code of Iowa.

Response – We only publish the schedule of bills allowed once a month due to high publication costs. We usually record the vote as required and will do so in the future.

Conclusion – Response acknowledged.

- 7 **Deposits and Investments** – No instances of non-compliance with the deposit and investment provisions of Chapter 12B and 12C of the Code of Iowa were noted. Several instances of non-compliance with the County's investment policy were noted.

Recommendation – The County should review the current investment policy and make the change necessary to ensure compliance.

Response – This will be reviewed and addressed. The policy will be changed and/or the language changed.

Conclusion – Response accepted.

- 8 **Resource Enhancement and Protection Certification** - The County properly dedicated property tax revenue to conservation purposes as required by Chapter 455A.19(1)(b) of the Code of Iowa in order to receive the additional REAP funds allocated in accordance with subsections (b)(2) and (b)(3).

- 9 **Economic Development** – During the year ended June 30, 2008, the County spent \$175,260 for economic development which appear to be appropriate expenditures of public funds since the public benefits to be derived have been clearly documented.

- 10 **County Extension Office** – The County Extension Office is operated under the authority of Chapter 176A of the Code of Iowa and serves as an agency of the State of Iowa. This fund is administered by an extension council separate and distinct from County operations and, consequently, is not included in Exhibits A or B.

Disbursements during the year ended June 30, 2008 for the County Extension Office did not exceed the amount budgeted.

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS (CONTINUED)
Year Ended June 30, 2008

Other Findings Related to Required Statutory Reporting (Continued)

- 11 **Financial Condition** – The Special Revenue Fund, Drainage, had a deficit balance of \$2,941 at June 30, 2008.

The Agency Fund, Emergency Management had a deficit balance of \$6,581 at June 30, 2008.

Monthly deficit balances were also noted during the year ended June 30, 2008.

Recommendation – The County should determine a method to eliminate the deficit balances.

Response – We will watch these funds more closely and work with the departments to monitor them more closely.

Conclusion – Response accepted.

- 12 **Emergency Management Budget Hearing** – It was noted the notice of a budget hearing was published 5 days before the hearing. Chapter 331.434(2) of tax Code of Iowa states the publication shall not be less than ten nor more than twenty days before the hearing.

Recommendation – The notice should be published to be in compliance with Chapter 331.434(2) of the Code of Iowa.

Response – At the time this budget was sent to the paper to be published, I thought I had made the deadline for the paper to publish, which I did not. I didn't find out until it was published and too late to change the date. Note, there was no contention to this budget, but I know the Code verbage. I now get directly with the County Auditor after the Commission approves the budget and we set hearing and ship to papers to assure proper obligation deadlines are met.

Conclusion – Response accepted.

- 13 **Treasurer's Office** – During our review of internal control, it was noted that banks listed on the Treasurer's Depository Resolution are collecting and depositing property taxes on behalf of the County Treasurer.

Recommendation – Chapter 331.552(1) of the Code of Iowa states that the County Treasurer is responsible for the collection of all money payable to the County, unless otherwise provided by law. Chapter 445.2 of the Code of Iowa states that it is the duty of the County Treasurer to collect property taxes.

Response – I am reviewing this with others in the State and will comply if this is not allowed.

Conclusion – Response accepted.